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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: BOYFRIEND/VALUABLE

REFERENCE: DC/IAR memo dated 1 June 53, same subject

1. Paragraph 3 of reference memorandum states that "no reply has been forthcoming" to British manifestations of concern regarding the activities of George Goga in the Committee for Free Albania. This statement, attributed to [ ] is incorrect on the record.

2. When this matter was brought to our attention through the offices of our [ ] Liaison, SE Division with PP Staff concurrence promptly accepted a long-standing British proposal for a Washington-London level meeting, with the intention of discussing both the Goga question and other FIEND/VALUABLE matters. Broadway at first accepted this proposal and agreed to a meeting in Washington on 8 June. Then, altogether inexplicably, they reversed this position two or three days later and declined the meeting.

3. In the meantime, we had held [ ] in Washington, at considerable inconvenience both to [ ] personally and to our operational interests, with the idea of having him present for the meeting. When the British finally called off the conference, [ ] was instructed to return to Rome and there endeavor to arrange an amicable settlement of the Goga question with his British opposite number [ ]

4. In these circumstances, the undersigned cannot accept the British position that a settlement of the Goga case is essential before [ ] return to Rome. The British have declined the opportunity to discuss this matter intelligently at the Washington-London level. Failing that, it appears that the most sensible thing is to try to settle it between [ ] in Rome. If such a settlement proves impossible we should then propose another conference at which all sides of the question could be heard and considered at the same time. As matters stand now, due to the long absence of [ ] from Rome, CIA does not possess sufficient information on the intricacies of this matter to arrive at a well-considered policy

decision.

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decision. Furthermore, and more pertinently, there is reason to believe that the British have other than an impartial interest in this matter and it is well within the realm of possibility that the fracas was encouraged, if not instigated, by them. I also think it necessary to bear in mind as a possibility that the British may be as much interested in discrediting [ ] as in eliminating Goga (well known for his U.S. sympathies) from the Albanian Committee picture.

5. A more carefully documented statement of the background and current status of this case and related Albanian matters will be prepared by SK Division and PP Staff for the information of Messrs. [ ] and [ ] on their forthcoming London visit.

SIGNED

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